methods haying one or t>vo living children as a mark of recognition to them. The card enables these acceptors to be accorded preferential treatment in the areas decided by the State Govt, concerned. Some areas where such preferential treatment would be feasible are sanction of loans, grants and subsidies, house allotment, educational benefits etc.

4. Some States have introduced a scheme of giving lottery tickets to acceptors Of terminal methods.

5. States like, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh have introduced schemes of giving long-term maturity bonds to the acceptors of sterilisation having daughters, only with a purpose to counter the desire to have son(s). Other States/UTs have been advised to introduce such a Scheme.

Shortage of anti-T.B. drugs

219. SHRl SANTOSH BAGRODIA. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a shortage of anti-T.B. drugs in the country and the prices of the same shot up to six times than the original price during the last six months, or so;

(b) if so, what are the cietails thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to reduce the prices of such drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) There have been no reports of general shortage of anti-T.B. drugs in the country. The prices of anti-T.B. drugs are fixed/revised as per the provisions of the OPCO, 1987 after careful scrutiny. This ensure that the price increases approved by the Government are actually related to the input costs, Prices of anti-T.B. drugs have been raised upwards by about 15-25% since May, 91 to compensate the manufacturers for increess in input costs due to exchange rate adjustment.

Heart diseases among the children

220. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that more than two million children are suffering from rheumatic heart disease in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to start Heart Care Units in various district Hospitals to save the children from dying of heart disease; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) According to the information furnished by ICMR, in 1991 prevalence of Rheumatic fever and Rheumatic Heart Diseases has been observed to be in the range of 1.4 to 5.1 per 1000 children in the age group of 5—15 years i.e. 0.62 million case in this age group.

(b) At present, Central Government have no scheme to open Heart Care Units in district hospitals. Necessary facilities for treatment of heart problem are available in most of the major hospitals in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Astroiigical calculations on family planning

221. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that one Shri Dinesh Verma has made a unique discovery in astrology which pertains to the field of family planning and it has been claimed by Shri Verma that by calculation of time through astrology, family planning is possible; and

(b) whether Government propose to secure the services of Shri Verma on a trial

basis for some time, and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) This Ministry is not aware of any such unique discovery made by Shri Dinesh Verma in astrology. However, Shri Verma is reported to have been issued certificates by a few individuals from Bihar wherein the latter have stated that Shri Verma was applying his knowledge of astrology for establishing a link with family planning.

(b) There is no proposal to secure the services of Shri Verma on a trial basis.

मैसर्स आर०के०बी०हर्बल (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही

222. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ सैय्यद अफजल : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री 18 दिसम्बर, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 2842 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मैसर्स आर० के० बी० हर्बल (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड नई दिल्ली के विरुद्ध कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन पर सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारा देवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) मैसर्स आ० के० बी० हर्बल (प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के विरुद्ध दो शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थीं । दोनों शिकायतों की जांच पड़ताल करवाई गई । यह पाया गया कि यह फर्म 1991 में के० स० स्वा० योजना निदेशालय को होमियोपैथिक औषधों की आपूर्ति के लिए पंजीकृत नहीं की गई थी । इस समय भी यह फर्म के० स० स्वा० योजना निदेशालय से पंजीकृत नहीं है । अतः के० स० स्वा० योजन निदेशालय द्वारा इस फर्म के विरुद्ध कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की जा सकती है ।

237. [Transferred to the 7th May, 1992]

दिल्ली में अस्पतालों और बिस्तरों की आवश्यकता

224. सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :
श्री रणजीत सिंह :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में आम आदमी के लिए अस्पतालों और बिस्तरों की आवश्यकता के संबंध में आकलन किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1991 में दिल्ली की जनसंख्या के अनुसार कितने अस्पतालों और बिस्तरों की आवश्यकता है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इस आकलन के अनुसार बिस्तरों, अस्पतालों की भारी कमी है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो दिसम्बर, 1991 के अंत तक कुल कितने अस्पताल तथा बिस्तर उपलब्ध थे तथा सरकारी और निजी क्षेत्र में अलग-अलग कितने बिस्तरे उपलब्ध थे ; और

(ङ) दिल्ली के नागरिकों की इस आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार प्रशासन द्वारा क्या समयसीमा निर्धारित की गई है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या आवश्यकताओं का आकलन एक साथ सतत कार्य है । समग्र वित्तीय नियंत्रणों के अनुसार जरूरतों को सम्बन्धित राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों जिनमें दिल्ली भी शामिल है, की वार्षिक योजनाओं और पंच-वर्षीय योजनाओं में शामिल किया जाता है ।

(ख) ऐसे कोई मानक हर जगह लागू नहीं होते हैं ।